

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-15 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, and 15 are withdrawn from consideration and claim 13 is cancelled without prejudice by this amendment. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, and 4 have been amended. The amendments made to claims 1, 2, and 4 do not alter the scope of these claims, nor have these amendments been made to define over the prior art. Rather, the amendments to claims 1, 2, and 4 have been made to improve the form thereof. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, and 4 in accordance with the Examiner's rejections. As such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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